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SUBJECT: ITU: USITA PROPOSAL FOR USITA/ITU CO-SPONSORSHIP
OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS EXHIBIT IN U.S. IN 1981

REF: STATE 054345

1. IN RESPONSE TO QUESTIONS RAISED REFTTEL, MISSION
VIEWS AND OBSERVATIONS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

A. NO APPROACH BY USITA HAS AS YET BEEN MADE TO
OR VIA THIS MISSION; USITA DID DISCUSS POSSIBLE 1981
EXHIBIT IN VAGUE TERMS WITH WERNER WOLTER WHEN HE WAS
GUEST SPEAKER AT USITA CONVENTION IN LAS VEGAS IN
LATE 1977;

B. WE BELIEVE PROPOSAL AS PRESENTED TO ITU SHOULD
INVOLVE ITU'S ACTING AS "PATRON" OF EXHIBIT RATHER THAN
AS "CO-SPONSOR" SINCE CO-SPONSORSHIP MIGHT BE
CONSTRUED BY SOME AS ITU HAVING SOME DEGREE OF FINANCIAL
OR OTHER RESPONSIBILITY FOR EXHIBIT, WHICH, AS INTER-
NATIONAL ORGANIZATION, IT CANNOT ASSUME;

C. ANY INVITATION TO COOPERATE WITH USITA ON THIS
EXHIBIT SHOULD SPECIFY THAT WHILE USITA IS SPONSORING,
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EXHIBITORS AND PARTICIPANTS WILL NOT BE LIMITED
EXCLUSIVELY TO USITA MEMBERSHIP, BUT OPEN TO ALL
POTENTIAL U.S. EXHIBITORS. SINCE USITA REPRESENTS ONLY
PORTION OF U.S. TELECONS INDUSTRY, WE BELIEVE ITU WOULD
BE SKITTISH ABOUT BEING ASSOCIATED WITH EXHIBIT WHICH
MIGHT APPEAR TO BE GIVING PREFERENCE TO SOME U.S.
ORGANIZATIONS OVER OTHERS;

D. WE BELIEVE PROPOSAL WOULD BE CONSISTENT WITH
OPINION 3 OF CONVENTION PROVIDED THAT INITIAL INVITATION
TO ITU TO ACT AS PATRON COMES FROM USG AGENCY - I.E.
STATE DEPARTMENT OR DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE. IF LETTER
OF INVITATION COMES FROM COMMERCE, IT SHOULD BE
FORWARDED WITH COVERING LETTER BY STATE, SINCE FOR
OFFICIAL CONTACTS WITH USG, ITU REGARDS STATE DEPARTMENT
AS "U.S. ADMINISTRATION".

E. MISSION HAS NO OBJECTIONS TO USITA CONTACTING
WOLTER DIRECTLY ON THIS MATTER, PROVIDED THEY AGREE TO
KEEP DEPARTMENT INFORMED OF ALL DEVELOPMENTS.

2. PLEASE ADVISE OF ANY FURTHER DEVELOPMENTS ON THIS
MATTER. SORENSON

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